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SUBJECT: LAO REFUGEE VANG KOU, FAMILY OF SEVEN

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REF (A) IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF PROBLEM WHICH WE OUTLINED IN REF (B). VERIFICATION OF SPONSORSHIP FOR THIS FAMILY OF 7 BY LIRS WAS PROVIDED ON FEBRUARY 13. BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS MADE BY LIRS SPONSOR AND THE VOLAGS DESIRE TO HASTEN MOVEMENT IN THIS CASE, A FOLLOW UP CABLE WAS SENT ON MARCH 21. WE NOW FACE THE NECESSITY OF ACCEPTING FURTHER DELAY OR SUGGESTING TO LIRS SPONSOR A SUBSTITUTE FAMILY. WHILE THE REASON FOR THE FAMILY'S DELAY (PRESUMABLY AWAITING THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF THE MOTHER OF THE HEAD OF FAMILY) IS CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDABLE, NEITHER ALTERNATIVE IS A HAPPY ONE.

THIS CASE RAISES SOME IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PENDING EXPANDED PAROLE PROGRAM WITH ITS VERY SHORT TIME FRAME, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF LAO FAMILIES, MANY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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WHOM STILL EXPECT OR HOPE TO BE JOINED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF

THEIR FAMILY. IF THE PROGRAM IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME FRAME WE WILL HAVE TO GET TOUGHER THAN WE HAVE BEEN TO DATE IN INSISTING LAO FAMILIES MOVE WHEN CLEARED AND SPONSORED EVEN IF THIS MEANS LEAVING BEHIND SOME FAMILY MEMBERS FOR POSSIBLE LATER TRAVEL. IF THE REFUGEE CHOOSES NOT TO MOVE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT THE FAMILY GOES TO THE END OF THE LINE AND THAT CONSTRAINTS ON TOTAL NUMBERS MIGHT WELL MEAN THAT THEY DO NOT COME AT ALL. CONCURRENTLY, OF COURSE, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO GIVE THESE FAMILIES ASSURANCES, AT LEAST, FOR APPARENTLY QUALIFYING FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN THAILAND, BUT ON WHOM PROCESSING IS NOT COMPLETE, THAT "A" NUMBERS WILL BE RESERVED AND ASSIGNED THE STAY-BEHIND FAMILY MEMBER IF THEY ARE CONFIRMED AS QUALIFIED.

IN DEALING WITH THE RATHER LARGE NUMBER OF PROBLEM CASES REMAINING IN THE REGULAR LAO PROGRAM, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE VANG KOU CASE BUT WHICH MAY ALSO BE GENERALLY APPLICABLE. WE SUGGEST THAT INS PRESENCE BE USED TO CLEAR FAMILY IMMEDIATELY. WE BELIEVE IN CASES SUCH AS THIS MOVEMENT FROM NONG KHAI JUSTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF INS INTERVIEW IF NECESSARY AND IF, AS APPEARS TO BE THE CASE, NO OTHER PROBLEM INVOLVED. PRESUME THAT VISA FALCON CLEARANCE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED ON MOTHER. IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE REFTEL NUMBER, CROSS REFERENCED TO VANG KOU CASE. IF NOT, PLEASE INITIATE ASAP AND WE WILL GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO CLEARANCE. ROBINSON

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